

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a complete listing of all claims ever presented in the present application, including the text of all pending claims and withdrawn claims.

Claims **1 - 13 and 15 - 18** are pending

Claims **1, 17 and 18** are independent.

1. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A method comprising:
receiving an indication of a second telephone that is authorized to monitor a first telephone;
receiving a request from the second telephone to monitor the first telephone;
receiving a status, from the first telephone, which indicates whether the first telephone is using a text messaging feature of the first telephone; and
sending the status to the second telephone.
2. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:
storing a first identifier that identifies the first telephone and a second identifier that identifies the second telephone; and
sending the first identifier to the second telephone.
3. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:
verifying good standing of a customer account of the second telephone.
4. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a request to register the second telephone, wherein the request includes a digital signature and a second identifier that identifies the second telephone;

registering the second telephone; and

registering the first telephone.

5. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 4, wherein the receiving step further includes the steps of:

receiving a request for a second network address and a security clearance from the second telephone.

6. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 4, wherein the step of registering the first telephone further includes the steps of:

issuing the first telephone a first network address; and

storing the second network address and the corresponding first identifier.

7. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 4, wherein the step of registering the second telephone further includes the steps of:

verifying the digital signature;

issuing the second telephone a second network address; and

storing the second network address and the corresponding second identifier.

8. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending the first identifier to the second telephone for storage and display.

9. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a request includes

receiving a request to notify the second telephone when a status change of a predetermined condition of the first telephone occurs.

10. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 9, further comprising:
 storing the status change of the predetermined condition with the
corresponding first identifier and the corresponding second identifier.
11. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 determining if the second telephone is authorized to receive the status of the
first telephone.
12. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 encrypting the status with a public key before sending the status to the
second telephone.
13. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 recording transmission of the status to the second telephone's customer
account.
14. **(CANCELED)**
15. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicates whether
a user of the first telephone has entered at least one predetermined DTMF code
into the telephone.
16. **(ORIGINAL)** The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving an acknowledgment from the second telephone of a successful transmission of the status.

17. **(ORIGINAL)** A computer programmed to perform the method of claim 1.
18. **(ORIGINAL)** A computer-readable storage medium encoded with instructions for directing a processor to perform the method of claim 1.